

The monthly bulletin of the  
Bar Hill Residents Association,  
distributed to all residents.

#### New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. Whitford, 83 Hollytrees;	Mr. and Mrs. Clapinski, 133 Pheasant Rise
Mr. and Mrs. Brown, 135 Pheasant Rise;	Mr. and Mrs. Ablewhite, 138 Pheasant Rise
Mr. and Mrs. Lowis, 110 Pheasant Rise;	Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, 94 Pheasant Rise.

#### Mobile Library Service

Revised route: from July 23rd, 1974, on alternate Tuesdays, as follows:

Hanover Close	9.35 - 9.55 a.m.	Otter Close	9.55 - 10.15 a.m.
Oatlands Avenue	10.15 - 10.40	Pheasant Rise	10.40 - 10.55
		(Post Box)	

#### Baby Sitting List

The baby sitting list, which works on a ticket system, is being revised. If you want to be added to the list or removed from it, please contact: Mrs. Spalding, 51 Pheasant Rise (Crafts Hill 80762) before July 8th.

#### "Newcomers Group"

On the 11th July, we have a Speaker from the National Deaf Children's Society on their work for Deaf Children. At the Church Centre, 2.00 p.m. Creche for under 5's and tea served. On the 25th July, we have our "open afternoon", with reports from the Committee on the past year's work. As this completes our session until September, there will be "Tasty Titbits" served to end on an informal note! Please make every effort to come to both afternoons, there is no age limit, and you do not have to be new to the Village to join us. For further information please contact Mrs. V. Page, 39 Partridge Drive (80243).

D. Craske

#### 8 O'Clock Club

On Thursday at 8 p.m. in the School we welcome Major Eden from Trinity College, who will talk about the trials and tribulations of catering for a College. Coffee and biscuits will be served. Everyone welcome.

#### Bar Hill Church

Anyone interested in joining the pianists' rota for Sunday morning services, please contact Anne Pitman, 1 Otter Close (80216).

#### Playgroup

Playgroup and Toddler Club parents were invited to meet their committee on 27th June to discuss the future of the Playgroup. The attendance was extremely disappointing, but it was unanimously agreed that the fees will have to go up to 30p in September, whether we stay in the Church Centre or not. In the meantime the committee was urged to continue investigations about buying its own building.

#### Toddlergroup

Toddlergroup is an offshoot of the Playgroup and meets at the Church Centre on Monday and Friday afternoons from 1.45 - 3.15 during school term. We cater for children aged from 18 months (and walking) to whenever they are ready to start Playgroup (which of course varies according to the individual child). We charge 15p per session and this includes a cup of tea for the mother and orange squash and a biscuit for the child, as well as use of the toys and equipment. We do not charge for an accompanying child, i.e. one of Playgroup age or a baby under 18 months.

For the child, we aim to provide the opportunity to play with more things than are perhaps normally available in a single home, the chance to become accustomed to mixing with other children in a group, and also we hope that by attending Toddlergroup regularly he or she will find the transition to Playgroup easier. For the mother, we hope that Toddlergroup is somewhere she can bring small children and relax and chat with other mothers whilst the children are occupied.

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## Toddlergroup, contd.

To give us some idea of numbers for the coming year, we would be glad to put on our waiting list any child who would like to come during 1974/5. If you would like to register your child - who will then automatically be put on the Playgroup waiting list also - please call in at the Toddlergroup or Playgroup, or ring C. Chamberlain, 80302.

## Brownies

The 1st Bar Hill Brownie Guide Pack would like to thank all those who sponsored them in their Litter Collection. We raised the grand total of £45, which has been forwarded to the Guide Friendship Fund to help buy a lifeboat. We collected 17 bags of litter from the Village in two and a half hours. We would also like to thank all those who left the litter around the Village for us to find!

## Bar Hill Cubs and Scouts

We would like to thank all those who sponsored the Scouts on their hike. The six who took part raised £45, which you will agree was a splendid effort. The money was put to good use: two tents, an axe and a cross-cut saw were purchased. Thank you.

Help needed: Now that the Cub packs are growing in numbers, help is urgently needed:

(1) a young man or young lady, 18 or over, to help run the Cub packs; (2) Cub Instructors - must be Ranger Guides or Venture Scouts, aged 16 - 18. If you can help, or need more information, please contact either Mr. G. Craske or Mrs. K. Brown.

Newspaper Collection, 13th July: Please support this venture. Recycling or waste paper is vital to us all. Put out your newspapers, comics, magazines, books and cardboard. Please remember - July 13th. We will collect every month.

## Collection

The amount raised for the recent National Children's Home collection was £30.00<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Thank you to all those who helped.

## Parish Council

A vacancy . . . There is a vacancy on the Parish Council and the Council would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to be considered for co-option to serve until the elections in 1976. This is an interesting opportunity for anyone wishing to become more involved in the life of the Village. Please contact the Chairman, Rodney Dale, 16 Almond Grove (80542).

### Meeting held on 18th June

Superstore Although outline approval was granted by the old County Council, the detailed application will not be considered until the contract for the flyover has been let - probably in September.

Clerk Three people applied for the post of Clerk to the Council and an appointment will be announced at the next meeting.

Village Green The Green Committee is to be reactivated and will take over the day-to-day running of the Green from September.

A604 Junction The Highways Department promise that they will be carrying out the short-term improvements to the junction within the month.

## Youth Club

Barbecue and Disco: Friday, 26th July from 7.30 - 10 p.m. in the Church Centre.

## Letter to the Editor

### Cats - Pets or Pests

To some these adorning creatures are certainly pets, but to a lot of others are persistent pests, undoing people's hard work in one overnight sitting. Surely it is not too much to ask of people who must have cats to provide their own toilet facilities i.e. cat litter can be bought from most pet shops. Why not allocate a small area in their own gardens and scatter this with cat litter. This encourages cats to use this particular area. After all if people must have cats they should have all of them, the unpleasant side as well as the pleasant.

It is no fun and extremely frustrating to find almost every other day new sown seeds scattered at random, or to find seedlings completely dug up and ruined after careful tendering from seed.

We hope that this will prompt people into being a little more thoughtful and considerate about their pets. After all we have nothing against them having pets, its just that we have no wish to share them with you. We know we are not alone in this matter.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Lawson,  
42 Oatlands Avenue.

### Christian Aid Week

The recent Christian Aid Week collection raised a total of £60: thanks to all those who helped towards it.

### Bar Hill Residents Association From the Secretary's Notepad

Summer Fete Don't forget the Summer Fete and Flower Show, Saturday, 20th July at 2 p.m. in the Bar Hill School.

Communal Aerial We are pleased to report that, following the report in last month's Newsletter, the problem over the maintenance of the communal aerial has been resolved. In fact, a maintenance contract is now being drawn up between the Developers and the aerial engineers, so we hope that this will not occur again.

Trees in the Village Park Our thanks to those residents who brought to our notice the removal of some of the willows in the Village Park by the building contractors. This was done with the Developers' permission, but according to them the contractors were asked to remove and replant them with care. It is clear that this instruction was not carried out, and the Developers have promised us that any trees which subsequently die will be replaced.

Caravans It would appear from the number of caravans that appear in the Village from time to time that it would be in the interests of those residents who own vans to press the Developers for space to be made available somewhere in the Village where caravans could be stored. As residents are aware, the terms of their leases prohibit the permanent storage of caravans on their property.

We raised the question with the Developers some time ago, and their reaction then was to wait until the potential number of caravan-owners could be assessed, which would give some indication of the type and size of site required.

We are shortly to have a meeting with the Developers and are prepared to raise the matter again if there is now a sufficient demand. Would any resident interested please drop me a line within the next 7 days, giving me name and address, the size of the caravan, and the main amenities that would in their view be essential (e.g. surrounding fence, water-supply, type of surface, etc.)

Kevin Read-Jones, 23 Fox Hollow

### Afternoon Classes

A meeting was held recently to discuss the possibility of holding afternoon classes in the Church Centre, with a creche for under-5s, to be organised by the Workers' Educational Association, under the auspices of Swavesey Village College. The attendance was encouraging, and a 10-week course entitled "What shall we read?" will begin in September (on Thursday afternoons); the same subject will probably also be run in the evening, during the following term, for those who cannot attend a daytime class. More details will be given in September.

### National Gardens Scheme

Local gardens open to the public on Sunday afternoons from 2 - 7 during July:

7th Duxford Mill. Teas. Admission 15p, children 5p  
West Wrattling Park. Teas. Admission as above.

14th Duxford Mill. " " " "

(Proceeds go to the District Nurses Benefit Funds and National Trusts' Gardens.)

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